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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-24, 26-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-24, 26-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 8-13, filed 4/2/2009, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-4, 6-24, and 26-41 under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by US Patent 6487646 to Adams et al. have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of US Patent 5991399 to Gruanke et al.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. The claim mentions direct memory access being done without the operating system, but fails to disclose another processor handling the operations which is critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. See *In re Mayhew*, 527 F.2d 1229, 188 USPQ 356 (CCPA 1976).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 6-24, and 26-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5991399 to Gruanke et al.(hereinafter Graunke).

Regarding Claim 1, Graunke discloses a hardware secure module having a tamper resistant module structure and storing information related to secure software see Fig. 2 item 52;

a memory that stores the secure software see Fig. 2 item 36;

a falsification checking(key module) unit that is loaded on the hardware secure module(trusted player), wherein the falsification checking unit reads the secure software from the memory by direct access without using an operating system, compares the secure software with the information in the hardware secure module, and checks whether the secure software is falsified based on a result of the comparison see Fig. 5 item 222 & Fig. 4B item 118; and

a processor that executes the secure software when a result of the check by the falsification checking unit is that the secure software is not falsified see Fig. 5 item 124(where the decryption takes place after the player and the manifest have integrity and authenticity checked).

Regarding Claim 2-4, 6, 22-24, 26, Graunke discloses the second information being read in parts from each hard drive and non-volatile memory and further of comparing of the information see Col 6 Ln 1-16.

Regarding Claim 7-12, 27-32, Graunke disclose the storing and updating of softwares see Col 5 Ln 20-43.

Regarding Claim 13-18, 33-38, 41, Graunke explicitly disclose the keys and secret information being used to store and encrypt the data see Fig. 5 item 200,202

Regarding Claim 19, 39, Graunke discloses the MPEG configuration see Col 4 Ln 34-37.

Regarding Claim 20, Graunke an information reproducing method comprising:

reading secure software stored in a memory using direct access method without using an operating system, by a hardware secure module having a tamper resistant module structure which stores information related to the secure software see Fig. 4b item 118(where the manifest contains information about the software being software see Fig. 3);

checking falsification by comparing the secure software with the information, and determining whether the secure software is falsified based on a result of the comparison see Fig. 4B item 118(where the comparison of integrity of software information is carried out) and

executing the secure software when a result of determining is that the secure software is not falsified see Fig. 4B item 132 & Fig. 5 item 216.

Regarding Claim 21, Graunke discloses a hardware secure module mounted to an information reproducing apparatus and having a tamper resistant module structure, comprising:

a reading unit that reads a secure software from a memory mounted to the information reproducing apparatus by direct access without using an operating system see Col 3 Ln 53-61;

and a falsification checking unit that compares the secure software with information related to the secure software stored in the hardware secure module, and checks a falsification of the secure software based on a result of the comparison, wherein if the result of the comparison shows that the secure software is not falsified the secure software is executed by the information reproducing apparatus see Col 5 Ln 20-43.

Regarding Claim 40, Graunke discloses the reading secure software stored in a memory using a direct access method and without using an operating system, by the hardware secure module having a tamper resistant module structure storing information related to the secure software see Fig. 5 item 204 & Fig. 3 item 52;

checking falsification by comparing the secure software with the first information, and determining a falsification of the secure software based on a result of the comparison see Col 5 Ln 20-43; and

executing the secure software when the result of the comparison is that the secure software is not falsified see Fig. 4B item 132.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkat Perungavoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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